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Inventor: Hein et al.
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GAN: 3742
Examiner: Philip Leung
Title: Microwave Dryer

Re: Amendment/Response

Greetings:

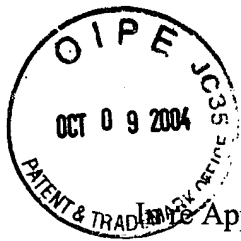
Please find enclosed for filing the Amendment/Response in the above matter. As the reduced statutory response time of six months was granted, the response is timely.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours;

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Interim Application of)
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RESPONSE

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The following is in response to the communication from the Examiner dated 07/09/2004 and mailed 07/12/2004, in which all 11 claims of the above application were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC Section 103.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested.

1. The Examiner indicated that the title to the invention was not descriptive. Applicants believe the that title "Microwave Dryer With Ram For Material Movement" is more descriptive and asks for the Examiner's approval of that title. If such title is acceptable any necessary amendments will be made.

2. Drawings

The drawings submitted with the application have been accepted by the Examiner.

3. The Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 7 are effectively identical and requires that one of these claims needs to be canceled or changed.

Applicants agree with the Examiner and, therefore, ask that the following action be taken:
Cancel claim 7.

The Examiner further indicates that claims 9, 10, and 11 are effectively identical and requires that two of these claims need to be canceled or changed.

Applicants agree with the Examiner and, therefore, ask that the following action be taken:
Cancel claims 10 and 11.